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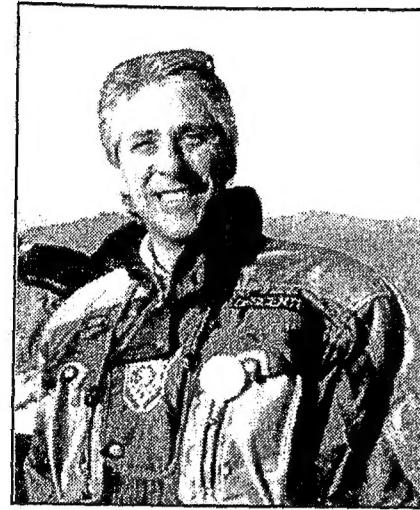
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Otten out at ASC



LES OTTEN (File photo)

By MICHAEL DANIELS/A.P.
Leslie B. Otten, who was responsible for the growth of Sunday River Ski Resort and the development of the American Skiing Company, resigned Wednesday from his position as ASC's chairman and chief executive officer.

William "B.J." Fair, currently ASC's chief operating officer, has been named chief executive officer of the company.

Speaking yesterday from Florida, where he had been watching his son B.J. play baseball for Middlebury College, Otten said the decision to resign was "the toughest decision of my life." But it had

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ASC merger falls through

Associated Press

Ski resort operator American Skiing Company and hotel manager MeriStar Hotels & Resorts last week dropped three-month-old plans to merge amid concerns from minority shareholders and worries about obtaining the financing necessary to operate the combined company.

The companies unexpectedly disclosed Friday their boards had called off the deal as ASC's shareholders were gathering to vote on it.

ASC planned to acquire MeriStar for stock valued at \$185 million when the deal was announced Dec. 11. It said the deal would help it reduce the seasonal fluctuations of the ski business by combining it with a hotel and resort operator whose business isn't weather dependent.

But shareholders, senior lenders and bondholders all expressed concerns, said Skip King, spokesman for ASC in Newry.

"The deal just never made sense because the concept of becoming a four-season company might sound good but in reality the lodging industry is just as cyclical as the skiing business," said Brad McCourtain, president of Maine Securities.

Also, ASC's minority shareholders were concerned when MeriStar failed to meet analysts' expectations in the fourth quarter while ASC was having the best ski season in years, he said.

ASC's ski resorts include Sunday River and Sugarloaf in Maine, Attitash/Bear Peak in New Hampshire, Killington, Sugarbush and Mt. Snow in Vermont, Steamboat in Colorado, Heavenly in California and The Canyons in Utah. Washington-based MeriStar owns 113 full-service hotels in 27 states, the District of Columbia and Canada.

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Spring's first color is white

By ALISON ALOISIO

A spring snowstorm last week dumped up to 24 inches of snow in the Bethel area and caused widespread power outages.

It began snowing mid-morning last Thursday, and didn't stop until early Saturday. The storm brought the total snow depth to four feet in places. Power outages caused by the weight of the new snow on limbs and lines brought back memories of the Ice Storm of '98.

Most of Bethel Village was without electricity Friday, causing some businesses (including The Citizen) to close early.

Other areas, such as parts of Albany, Hanover, Andover, Gilead, Greenwood, Woodstock and Newry, lost power until Saturday or Sunday. Many people relied on

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Town Meetings

Dustup looms over Greenwood go-cart track

By MICHAEL DANIELS

With no new regulatory initiatives on the warrant, and a proposed municipal budget increase of a relative modest 2.4 percent, Greenwood's annual Town Meeting Saturday would promise to be a quiet affair — were it not for the dust and roar of racing go-carts.

Article 64 on the 67-article warrant asks voters to approve the use of a town-owned parcel of land for a go-cart track.

The approval, if granted, will be after the fact. The track has already been built and used for races — to the dismay of some nearby residents.

An approval might also be illegal. According to the town's code enforcement officer, Greenwood's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance prohibits the parcel in question from being used for such activities.

The 18-acre parcel, known as the Hawkins Field, is located off Route 219 (or the "West Paris Road"),

just west of the intersection with the Old County Road. It is located between Route 291 and the Little Androscoggin River.

This past year, a group of go-cart enthusiasts cleared brush from the land and constructed a dirt go-cart

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W'stock selectman and library trustee ousted

By ALISON ALOISIO

It was a tough night for incumbents at the Woodstock Town Meeting Monday, as voters ousted town officials Rosalie and Leon Poland by Gore/Bush-style margins.

After first appearing to win re-election to her library trustee seat

by one vote, Rosalie Poland then lost by one in a revote.

It took three ballots by the roughly 120 townspersons in attendance to decide the contest among Poland, Valerie Billings and Peter Brown.

The first vote produced a 36-36 tie between Poland and Billings,

with Brown receiving 29 votes. In a second vote, Poland garnered the most ballots with 51. Billings and Brown had 50 and eight, respectively.

But Vern Maxfield, Woodstock town manager, pointed out that the winner needed a majority of the votes cast. Brown then withdrew

and Billings won 55-54.

Prior to the votes, the candidates were asked their views on censorship of books in the library. All voiced their opposition.

Billings also stressed she wanted to spearhead an effort to get more

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Gilead voters will close out 2001 meeting season

By ALISON ALOISIO

A proposal for a new town building and a request to plow the road in the Androscoggin Valley Views development top the agenda at Saturday's Gilead Town Meeting.

Voters will decide whether to

borrow up to \$150,000 to build either a new garage for the Highway Department or a new station for the Fire Department.

Selectmen are not formally recommending one or the other, according to Beverly Corriveau, administrative assistant for the town.

But, she said, they are leaning in favor of the garage.

The departments currently share a building in the center of town. A new garage would be placed near

the sand/salt shed, leaving the older building for the Fire Department.

The other option is to build a new station, giving the current building to the Highway Department.

The loan for either project would be for 10 years. Selectmen are also recommending Gilead refinance current paving and land loans to 10-year notes, reducing the overall payment. The current loans are for four and seven years, respectively.

Low interest rates make refinancing

advisable, the officials said.

Voters will also consider a request from property owners in the Androscoggin Valley Views development to plow their road, which is .6 miles in length.

Corriveau said there are currently about five homes in the development, with two new ones going in. Town officials, she said, are cautious about taking on the responsibility for plowing the hillside road.

The town's share of the school

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The Village Sampler

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NOTICE FOR TELSTAR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

The next scheduled delayed start is on Friday, April 6.

Middle School and High School classes will begin at 9:25 a.m. Students driving to school should plan to arrive no earlier than 9:15 a.m.

The scheduled delayed starts will not affect the elementary schools; they will start as normally scheduled.

Additional scheduled 2-hour delays: April 27 and May 18. Any questions, kindly contact the High School office, 824-2136.

WEST BETHEL UNION CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

has been changed to Thursday, April 19th at 7 pm

Church Manual will be discussed.

Mountain Jam & Mountain Music

Mahoosuc Arts is looking for local performing artists to participate on:

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Call 824-3575 for info & sign up.

Letters

GO-CART TRACK IS ILLEGAL

To the Editor:
This letter is to inform Greenwood residents of our opposition to Article 64 on the Town Meeting Warrant for March 31, 2001.

The article, as written, asks the citizens of the Town of Greenwood to approve the use of town-owned property on West Paris Road (Route 219), known as Hawkins Field, for a recreational go-cart track and future recreational activities.

We purchased the old Hawkins farmhouse on Old County Road almost 15 years ago and have restored the home to the tax structure of the town. We have enjoyed the quiet setting.

It was to our great surprise on a day last July to find this racetrack in operation. The dust and noise were overwhelming. This caused us to close our doors and windows as the SW prevailing wind was blowing said dust into our home. We made our concerns known by phone to the chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and also at a later selectmen's meeting. We were told they were incorrect in giving permission to this group to use this residential town-owned land without voter approval.

We strongly urge Town Meeting voters to vote against Article 64 at the upcoming Town Meeting. The passage of this article is most assuredly not in the best interest of our town, and if passage is to occur, one has to ask what precedents are being set and what future inappropriate and illegal uses of land will be sanctioned.

David and Ruth Pilling
Greenwood

MIDDLE EAST PRESENTATION

To the Editor:
Darby Hickey of Bryant Pond, a graduate of Gould Academy and Friends World College, will speak on "Contextualizing the Arab/Israeli Conflict" on March 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church. He lived in Israel during the academic year 2000.

After several years of apparent progress, the peace process is in shambles and almost 500 people (mostly Palestinians) have been killed since the outbreak of violence. In September 2000, Hickey ended an extended stay in Jerusalem just months before the eruption of the Al-Aqsa Intifada, during which he learned about all sides of the conflict from those directly involved.

He will seek to tell a story of the current situation that he feels has not been told in the U.S. media, and brings a history of critical media studies to examine the historical context of recent events.

The evening will serve as a comprehensive but accessible session equipping those who attend with the knowledge and skills to better understand what the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is about. For more information, contact me at 665-2577.

Emily Ecker
Woodstock

ACADEMIC AWARDS NIGHT THANKS

To the Editor:
The Telstar Student Academics Awards Night was recently held at Telstar's Helen Berry Auditorium.

The Friends of THS wish to congratulate the many award recipients for their outstanding achievements. Hats off for a job well done.

Telstar's principal, Dr. Patrick O'Neill, hosted the evening's festivities. As parents, staff and students entered the auditorium, the school song was heard. The backdrop for the evening was a PowerPoint presentation presented by Claire Carver, and a few of her very talented students. During the PowerPoint presentation, each student and advisor at Telstar, in their respective satellite groups were presented on the screen. Thanks to the many parents that were able to bring something sweet to share; punch and refreshments were served in the cafeteria. Thanks to Mrs. Joanne Crockett for all her help. We would also like to thank Mr. Timothy O'Connor and a few of his woodworking students who were able to make over 50 wooden plaques as part of the awards. These plaques were given to students who achieved either honors or high honors. The Friends group also wishes to thank a group of dedicated volunteers whom we could not have pulled together such a fabulous ceremony without their much-needed help. Thanks go to Nancy Grover, Cheryl Young, Sheri Wilson, Gina Douglass, Tara Durgin, Theresa Estes, Marjorie Osgood.

The Telstar staff deserves a huge thanks for all the many awards that were given. It takes much thought and we thank them for their energy in finding many categories in which to appreciate the high number of students that were recognized. Many great things happen at Telstar.

The spring awards ceremony will take place in June; more information will be forthcoming. Anyone who would like to join in planning for the spring awards, please leave your name in the Telstar office in care of the Friends group. Well done everyone.

Marilyn Swan and Brenda Wight
for the Friends of THS

JA LUNCHEON THANKS

To the Editor:
During the snowstorm on Thursday, March 27, 12 individuals took part in a strategic planning luncheon hosted by the Sudbury Inn. A scrumptious lunch and many great ideas for expanding Junior Achievement programs for the next school year were shared. Thank you to all who braved the storm: Robin Zinchuk, Bethel Chamber; Barry Estes, Bethel Chamber Education Committee; Al Barth, Bethel selectman; Sara Roderick, Key Bank; Don Murphy, Town of Bethel; Scott Mills, ASC; Preston Jump, JA Maine; and Bethel Advisory Council members, Rosabelle Tiffet, Eileen Meisner, and Mary Theresa Estes. Thank you all for joining JA's commitment to "educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business and economics, while improving the quality of their lives."

With the goals established for this year, JA programs will impact the lives of 319 students in SAD44. For more information on this valuable curriculum, please call Robin Mills at 824-2669 or 824-3768, or e-mail rrmills@megalink.net, or check www.ja.org.

Robin Mills
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track approximately 500 feet in length. (They are using only a small portion of the total parcel.)

They had received permission from the town selectmen, but did not put the plan before the town Planning Board until August, after the track was in operation and neighbors had begun to complain about the noise and dust.

The Planning Board then reviewed the project and gave its OK, provided the go-carters using the track wet it down before races, install mufflers on all the carts, abide by a curfew, and put up "no trespassing" signs to prevent unauthorized use.

As Rodney Westleigh, the Planning Board chairman, recalls it: "People started squawking and it went to the Planning Board. We took care of it."

But no permit was issued, and a permit is required under the town's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

The only formal documentation of the arrangement appears to be an earlier agreement signed by Town Manager Carol Whitman and Greg Inman, president of the Western Maine Modified Karting Club.

But, agreement or no agreement, town Code Enforcement Officer John Gauthier regards the go-cart track as illegal.

He argues that under the town's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance the Hawkins Field parcel is classified as a "Limited Residential" zone, and the same ordinance explicitly limits "racetracks" to "General Development" zones.

In the minutes of the Aug. 21 Planning Board meeting the project is also referred to as a "racetrack."

The ordinance does, however, allow for "public and private recreational areas involving minimal structural development," in Limited Residential zones.

In this case, said Rich Baker, shoreland zoning coordinator for the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, the track, because it is not commercial, could probably be considered under the latter category.

"But it's certainly not what we had in mind when we drew up the guidelines for Limited Residential zones," he said. "Whether it's commercial or not, it's going to have the same effect on its neighbors and the same effect on the shoreland environment."

Baker also said that such a facility, be it a racetrack or recreational facility, requires a formal Shoreland permit from the Planning Board.

Noise and dust

David and Ruth Pilling live in the former Hawkins farmhouse, which overlooks Hawkins Field from the hill approximately an eighth of a mile to the north.

A line of trees blocks their view of the track area itself, but not of the dust the go-carts turn up. In photographs taken early in the summer when the go-carts were racing, dust hovers in a thick cloud over the line of trees.

And when the wind is right, the Pillings say, the dust ends up blowing through their windows.

The requirement that the track be wet down before use has helped somewhat with the dust, they said, but some go-carters still practice without first wetting down the dirt, and small pickup trucks occasionally race on the dry track at night — undeterred by the "No trespassing" signs.

And despite the mufflers, the noise is still overwhelming, they say. "It just reverberates off the (nearby) ledges," said Ruth Pilling.

Fred Henderson lives on the Richardson Hollow Road, about a mile from the track.

He agrees with the Pillings about the noise. "Last summer, after they had been told to put on the mufflers, I was inside the house one day, with the windows closed, and my wife was outside mowing the lawn," he said. "I was trying to watch television but couldn't hear it over the noise from the go-carts."

Inman, president of the go-cart club, told The Citizen his group uses the track only "a couple of evenings a week. I don't think we're up there before dinner," he said.

He described the activity as "a bunch of fellas and their families that go up and run go carts on it. It's like going on your four-wheeler, but we need ground that is somewhat smooth."

The club built a water system with a pump and fire hose, he said, and has used calcium chloride "a couple of times" to help reduce the dust. "But the pump works better," he said, "and we'd have to spend money on calcium chloride."

He said mufflers used on the go-

carts are "performance mufflers," and he compared the noise made by a go-cart to that of a wood splitter.

And he said while cars and trucks used the track before the "no trespassing" signs were put up, "there was no problem after that."

A roster of the Western Maine Modified Kart Racing Club, on file in the Greenwood Town Office, lists members and their addresses. Three of the 48 members have Greenwood addresses.

Other Town Meeting matters

This year's proposed municipal budget totals \$783,562, up \$18,518 from last year's figure of \$765,044.

The larger increases are in insurance, up \$6,000, to \$57,000; town roads, wages, up \$10,000, to \$150,000; town office expenses and repairs, up \$8,200, to \$28,200; town garage, up \$4,000, to \$10,000, work on the Greenwood Road (two articles), up \$8,000, to \$61,000; SAD44 directors, up \$600, to \$1,200; recreation and administration of the Animal Control Ordinance are each up \$500, to \$6,000 and \$5,000, respectively.

New expenditures proposed for this year include: \$20,000 for future construction north of Point Hill on the Greenwood Road; \$10,000 for the removal of dead trees along ponds on the Greenwood Road; and \$10,000 for the establishment of a highway equipment reserve account.

The largest decline in this year's proposed budget is in the amount of money recommended for maintenance and continuing renovation of the Greenwood Town Hall. Two articles this year call for raising \$11,150, down from last year's figure of \$34,000.

In elections for town offices, two-term incumbent Selectman Dennis Wilson is being challenged for a three-year term by Fred Henderson.

Two incumbent SAD44 directors

are seeking to serve again, Richard Melville for another three-year term; Walter Brought to complete the two years remaining on the seat he was appointed to following last year's Town Meeting.

This year's meeting will return to the Town Hall, after being held for the past two years in the Jackson-Silver American Legion Post. It will begin a 10 a.m., Saturday, March 31.

Our

Back Pages

Compiled by JOHN BROWN

10 years ago: The Trap Corner Store at West Paris was purchased by Lloyd Poland of Woodstock.

The Bethel Budget Committee nixed a proposal by the highway department to purchase a new backhoe/loader.

Gilead voters approved the purchase of a new fire truck at their annual meeting.

Mike Fortin was the new full-time officer with the Bethel Police Department. He had previously served eight years with the Livermore Falls police.

New officers of Tri-Town Rescue were as follows: Grace Archer, chief; Rachel Walker, treasurer; Gary Austin, search and rescue team leader; Zeba Wielder, coordinator; and Joyce Howe, secretary.

Birth: Lisa Marion Piccirillo.

Deaths: Stephen A. Andrews; Alice C. Colby, Harvey C. McGuire, Ormond H. Sandell, Thelma B. Stearns.

20 years ago: Telstar Middle School cheerleaders, Susan Gould, Kim Morgan, Kristy Angevine, Mary Taylor, Kim Monzo, Leigh Michaud, and Elayna Tate, participated in a cheering competition at the Maine Mall.

Stanley R. Howe was chosen as chairman of the Bethel Board of Selectmen.

Public meetings were scheduled in SAD44 to discuss the preliminary outline of building plans recently presented to the board of directors by Dr. Wayne F. Gersen, superintendent of schools.

Miss Chris Caton, formerly of Bethel, was named 1981 Key Queen at Pocatello (Idaho) High School.

Eva C. Twitchell of Woodstock succeeded Harry Swan Jr. of Greenwood as chairman of the SAD44 Board of Directors.

Births: Victoria Lee Angevine, Michele Marie Cunningham.

Deaths: Mrs. Wanda S. Powers, Mrs. Carla R. Bennett, Inez M. Farrington.

30 years ago: Mrs. James Spirit presented an American flag in honor of her late husband for use at Telstar Regional High School.

Bob Remington was elected as varsity ski team co-captain for the 1971-72 season at University of Maine in Orono.

Lectie and Edgar Davis of North Woodstock celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

Game Warden Larry Cummings, formerly of Locke Mills, was transferred from Wesley to the Turner district.

Death: Fritz Ernst.

40 years ago: Oxford County Sheriff's Department was investigating break-ins at isolated camps in Albany.

Plans were announced by Ameritel & Tel. Co. to build a seven-million-dollar station for satellite communications tests in the Andover-Roxbury area.

A special Bethel Town Meeting approved an additional \$5,800 for school maintenance.

It was announced that NTL would be holding most of their summer conferences in Bethel for the 15th consecutive year.

Sgt. David F. Buck graduated from the Seventh U.S. Army Non-Commissioned Officers Academy in Bad Tolz, Germany.

The eight-mile Mt. Washington carriage road was completed in 1861 at a cost of \$8,000 per mile.

Deaths: Wallace M. Noyes, Levi L. Butters, Leslie G. Kendall.

50 years ago: The town of Norway voted to build a four-classroom elementary school addition to their existing high school.

Capt. Sidney Dyke, USAF, had been transferred to Special Air Mission Squadron, Weisbaden, Germany.

Richard F. Ireland was awarded a varsity letter in skiing at Middlebury College.

Blanch Elizabeth Dolphin and Joseph Augustus Perham were co-valetinians at West Paris High School. Beatrice May Doble received second honors and Clara Alice Hammond, third honors.

Sleuth, four-year-old bloodhound belonging to Constable Roderick McMillin and Deputy Sheriff Albert Grover, was sold to Sheriff Arthur Jennisson of Keene, N.H.

Births: Candice Louise Smith, Roger Ralph Brown Jr., Thomas Cluese Powell.

Deaths: Austin N. Jodrey, Mrs. Florence E. Abbott, Robert Paretti; Mrs. Mary Hobbs, Robert Gard Bennett.

100 years ago: William Rogers Chapman was remodeling his house in Mayville (now for sale by owner Dorothy Fadner

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Briefly

Bridge bill part of construction bill

AUGUSTA—The bill, LD 653, that would fund a snowmobile bridge on Route 2 has been withdrawn and rolled into the DOT general construction bill, LD 1504. "This is the best possible thing that could happen," said Bob Meyers of the Maine Snowmobile Association. Due to the storm last Friday, the hearing before the Joint Standing Appropriations Committee was sparsely attended. There weren't any representatives from the three communities that would benefit from the construction bond issue, Canton, The Forks, and Bethel. Even without support, the proposal was well received by the committee. A number of state agencies supported issuing the construction bond for snowmobile bridges and fishing and boat access at state highway bridges. They included DOT, the Maine Motor Transit Association, and the Coastal Conservation Commission. Meyers said that it is time for concerned citizens to contact their local legislators, garnering support for the construction bonds as LD 1504 goes before the full House and Senate. According to Meyers, the Governor supports the construction bond issue, and will sign the bill if passed. The bill would then be in the hands of voters in November.

Parsons wins Nationals

MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN, Calif.—Local snowboarder Thomas Parsons took first place in the Boardercross event last Wednesday at the USASA Snowboarding National Championships at Mammoth Mountain in California. Parsons, a senior at Gould Academy, won his trial and all four heats of the event. His win at the national level comes on the heels of his first-place finish in Boardercross at the Junior Olympics/Eastern Championships on March 4 at Sugarloaf. Following the USASA National Championships, Parsons departed for Sappada, Italy, where he is competing as a member of the U.S. Ski Team in the World Junior Snowboarding Championships. The son of Jeff and Pattie Parsons of Bethel, Parsons is coached by Chris Davies of the Gould/Sunday River race program.

SAD44 personnel changes

BETHEL—The SAD44 School Board Tuesday was notified of the impending retirement of Telstar High School history teacher Rod Abbott and the resignation of special education teacher Patricia Lee Allen. The board also approved the appointment of Deborah Berman as a speech therapist for the next school year. John Kimball was approved as a volunteer assistant coach for the Telstar Middle School softball team for this season. The board also voted to eliminate the Title I educational technician position at the Woodstock Elementary School. The move is part of an ongoing effort to use Title I money to place tutors in each classroom instead of employing ed techs. The plan is a more effective use of the funds, Supt. Kent Rosberg said.

At-risk student program sought

BETHEL—SAD44 will submit an application for a \$375,000 federal grant to support a program for at-risk Telstar students in grades six to nine. If approved, the three-year program would establish an extended-day and extended-year program that would operate weekdays during the regular school year and also offer a seven-week summer program. Approximately 15 students would be considered for the program. The curriculum would offer remedial academics, outdoor leadership training, cultural arts and technology and distance-based (virtual) education. The SAD44 School Board approved the application Tuesday.

Newry foots bill for hazardous waste

NEWRY—Town officials were caught by surprise this week at the size of the bill for a hazardous waste removal day held last year. The bill for \$4,310, sent by Sunday River Ski Resort, covered hazardous material brought by businesses and residential property owners to a site at the skiway. Previous hazardous waste services, offered for residential waste only, totaled several hundred dollars when the material was brought to a Woodstock collection site. When word got out that Sunday River was accepting the waste, selectmen said, many people responded. Among items left were barrels of oil. "We probably got rid of a lot of stuff from other towns," said Bill Wight, because Newry did not provide supervision to check the origin of the waste. "It's an expensive lesson," said selectman Steve Wight. But, he added, it was good the waste was at least disposed of properly. In the future, the town will offer waste disposal in partnership with Bethel and Hanover as part of the tri-town solid waste agreement.

Daffodil Days at Foodliner

BETHEL—Local volunteers will be selling daffodils today (Thursday) at the Bethel Foodliner as part of Daffodil Days. Daffodils are available in bunches of 10 at \$6 a bunch, with proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society. The flowers will be on sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Groups sought for Trails Day

NEWRY—The Maine Appalachian Trail Club is looking for organizations interested in hiking-related activities to take part in a National Trails Day event at the Bear River Grange June 2. Possible activities to be offered include games, displays, demonstrations, retail and education. Groups such as rescue services, law enforcement, scout troops, schools or camps, public agencies or any others with interest are encouraged to contact Steve Wight at 824-2410.

Proposed Region 9 budget ready

MEXICO—Residents of the member towns of Region 9 School of Applied Technology will act on the FY02 budget April 24 in a town-meeting style gathering. The \$890,742 proposed vocational budget, completed last week by the Region 9 board, is down 3.5 percent from the current figure. The \$211,861 adult and community education budget is up about 7 percent. The lower secondary budget is the result of recent move by all vocational programs and adult ed into one facility.

County may get storm aid

PARIS—Oxford County has been declared eligible for federal emergency assistance as a result of the March 5 snowstorm. Officials from each town are invited to a meeting today (Thursday) to review the requirements for aid with FEMA and MEMA representatives. The towns must calculate the extra costs for overtime pay for highway crews, as well as additional salt and sand. The towns may be reimbursed for 75 percent of the costs.

Gas explosion levels lodge

PINKHAM NOTCH, N.H.—A leaking propane tank caused an explosion and fire that destroyed the Great Glen Trails lodge at the base of Mt. Washington last week. Rick Eichler, Gorham fire chief, said power had gone out, and when it came back on, it ignited gas that had leaked from a propane tank. The fire started around 5 a.m. Friday and leveled the 50-by-100-foot lodge. GGT offers 40 kilometers of cross-country skiing. All ski equipment was lost, but a groomer for the Nordic and mountain biking center was saved. No one was seriously injured.

N.H. river ice monitored

LANCASTER, N.H.—Local officials are keeping a close watch on the ice in the Israel River in case the conditions should pose a flood threat. The current thick ice conditions are very similar to those in 1970, when a major flood occurred in the downtown area, they said. Property owners along the river are being warned about the flood potential if heavy rains come.

From the Bethel Police Log:

No argument with these gas prices

At 6:54 p.m. on March 23 the Sheriff's Office requested police go to a village gas station. It was reported power was back on and people were helping themselves to gas and driving off, because no one was there to take the money. On arrival the officer found a worker was pumping gas and taking the money until the business could be opened by the manager.

Tuesday, March 20

At 9 p.m. police stopped a subject on Route 26 for having a headlight out. The vehicle was found to be unregistered. Tracy R. Deering, 36, of Rumford Center was given a summons for operating an unregistered vehicle.

Wednesday, March 21

At 10:18 p.m. police investigated a single car rollover on Route 26.

Thursday, March 22

At 4:10 p.m. police assisted with traffic control on Route 26 as vehicles were stuck and could not make it up over Hudson Hill until MDOT could sand. After sanding, traffic resumed.

At 8:15 p.m. the Highway Department advised of a stranded motorist on the Bailey Road. The officer located the owner and the vehicle was moved off the road so the crew could plow.

Saturday, March 24

At 3:28 p.m. police observed a vehicle pull out of the Sunday River Road. The driver failed to observe the stop sign and pulled into oncoming traffic. The officer stopped the vehicle and found the driver's license was suspended in Massachusetts. Kirstan J. Dean, 31, was summoned for failure to stop and OAS.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log. It lists all cases of adults being arrested or issued a criminal summon, but does not include all reports of other police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies.



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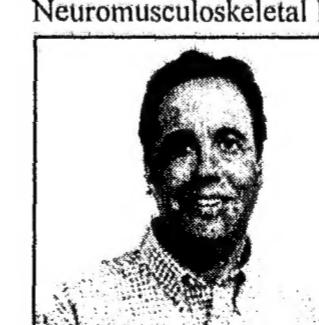
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Bethel



by
Virginia Keniston

Daisy LeClair has moved to Woodstock to be with her brother and his wife, Roy and Lois Day.

Lida and Robert Iles of Andover are spending some time in Florida, and recently called on Bobby and Harry Kuzyk.

Abigail Marie Bernier, daughter of Timothy and Allison Davis Bernier and granddaughter of Ted and Linda Davis, was baptized on Sunday at the Congregational Church, with many family members present.

Friends and relatives from out of town who visited Hi and Mary Lou Berry on Lone Pine Road and Norm and Sylvia Clanton in Mayville while in Bethel to attend the funeral and Celebration of the Life of Marjorie Berry Freeman Menzies were: Albert and Judy Freeman Costa and family, Jennifer, Peter and Kalote Joss, Albert and Kelly Costa, Andrea and Ralph and Katrina Caruso, Dominic and Amy Costa; Mark Freeman; Gerald Freeman and Susan Freeman; Brian and Lorenda Freeman Dunleavy and family, Karen McQuaid and Brian and Kathi Kingsbury; Cindy Freeman and family, Steven Tibbets and Joel and Heather Tibbets; Peggy Needham, Nicole and Jessie Purvis; Bobby Stevens; Sally Bourget; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Eldridge; Steve and Claire Berry Cantrell; Blanche and Richard Hardy; Mike Stevens; and Kay Eames. The family wishes to thank

the many friends and neighbors from Bethel who attended the services and gave their support.

Linley and Pauline Wieden were overnight guests in Skowhegan at Christen and Soren Siren's home to celebrate Sylvia LaFlamme's birthday. Others present were Donald LaFlamme, Lon and Lisa Miller and son Clayton. They attended church in North Vienna and had dinner with the LaFlammes.

Many people turned out for the Bethel Rotary Club breakfast on Sunday at the Gould Academy dining room. It's really a great event to visit with friends and neighbors.

Sheila Douglass is spending her vacation from Shoreline College in Seattle, Wash., at the home of her parents, Dennis and Maryvonne Wheeler. She is studying environmental science. While home, she has spent time with her grandmother, Elsie Douglass, at the Bethel House.

The Cross Country Quilting Group had guests at their meeting last Tuesday morning. Chris Howard, with his aid, Amy, and mother, Terry Howard, enjoyed the Show and Tell on Career Week at the Bethel Library. Chris is designing quilt squares on his computer and planning the colors that his mother will make up and present to a needy person.

We had a real snowstorm, as predicted — 18 inches. The heavy, wet snow caused power outages throughout the area (14 hours in town).

The Bethel House

by Ruth Cummings

Well at last the ice and snow has been removed from the roof at the Bethel House. Some just fell off, but Doug and Roger worked hard

to get the rest off. It is just our good luck that the roof did not cave in or someone badly hurt, or a lot of damage done before it started falling off and Doug got the ok to start on it. A lot of ice and snow went in under the upstairs porch, and for a time residents in those apartments downstairs could not get out their doors on that side. Every other winter the snow would have been shoveled several times from the roof in winter, and only one winter had more snow for the entire winter than it has so far this one. Doug has some snow off once but could not get the go-ahead to do more. We finally got the manager up here and Lindley showed her the ice and snow that had come off and all that was ready to fall. Liz said she did not realize it was so bad. I told her that if she returned the calls when we left a message for her on voice mail she would. Also, I had contacted the maintenance manager, and he was up and said there was no need of having the roof shoveled. This was a while ago. A bucket loader was used to remove some of the snow that had been shoveled from and fallen off the roof.

Nancy Cummings and friend, Holly, were at Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center skiing on Friday afternoon.

Nana Wight brought me more cancelled stamps when she was on her way to work on Friday. Thank you, Nana. My church will use them for missionaries.

The citizen is mailed to folks in 36 different states. It would be interesting to know in just how many of those states that the people read my column. Maybe yes and maybe no. One lady told me she takes The Citizen, reads my columns and the ads and no more of the paper. So, maybe there are many that skip my column.

Cathy Newell stopped by and left

me a very interesting book to read.

The winter we had so much snow, '68 and '69, 193 inches, we did not have a flood. This year, however, there is ice already jammed in the river, so we could have a flood, especially if we have a lot of rain. Let us all start praying we will not have a flood.

"One gentle word that we may speak or one kind loving deed, May though a trifle poor and weak prove like a tiny seed/And who can tell what good may spring from such a very little thing?"

Treat your friends kindly. If it were not for them you would be a total stranger."

Josie Lougee and daughter, Marjorie, visited with Rebecca Ricker on Saturday and then they went for a ride in Jose's new car. It is a VIP. They went to Ames, Walmart and Jungle shopping and had dinner at Kentucky Fried Chicken. Becky said she saw her friend, Clara Whitman, at Wal-Mart.

Cathy Newell and I went to Wal-Mart Sunday afternoon.

Ben Conant was guest speaker at the Bethel Alliance Church on March 18 and will be back again on the 25th. He always has a fine sermon.

So glad that you enjoy my column, Ben.

Where are you, Bob and Beverly? Maybe you went to Florida.

A friend of mine said that he would like to see more Newry news. So would I. How about it folks, you must do something exciting. How about calling Gil so we can know what you are up to these days.

How many of you remember the long-handled things they used years ago when taking up collections in church. One could reach the whole row of seats.

I am grateful for all of you folks that make it possible for me to go to church.

Pastor Rick and Peggy are on vacation in Florida.

Drew and Judy Webster visited me on Tuesday and brought me some oatmeal bread and some things like doughnut holes, but they were not. They were very strong of cinnamon and real white inside. They sure were delicious.

The Rev. and Mrs. David Larson of Center Lovell have been coming to Bethel Alliance for many weeks now. Rev. Larson was at one time our pastor but is retired now.

Lennie and Cathy Hoy are also coming to Bethel Alliance, and Cathy often plays the piano. We have other newcomers, too.

Janice Hill spent Tuesday night in Andover with her sister and husband, the Clemens.

"A secret is something you tell to one person at a time."

"The chicken is the only animal we can eat before it is born and after it is dead."

"Maine is the only state whose name is one syllable in length."

"Canada is an Indian word meaning big village."

"You are over the hill when you realize a stamp costs more today than a picture show when you were a kid."

Sunday River Valley



by
Rockie Graham
Snow falls wet
and heavy on
this warm
spring morning/
Trees groan
under the
weight./Branches break and fall out
onto a white wet blanket./Cars
cruise at unsafe speeds/Hoping
heedlessly to escape roadside
ditches./Electricity crashes to a
halt/Then even telephone wires
succumb./All is quiet save for the

sounds of snowplows/Encroaching on, bulging banks of wet white snow.

It is spring at last and, of course, it was blessed by receiving the worst snowstorm of the season. It was wet, it was heavy, and it still surrounds everything. At present, my windows, in places, are three-quarters blocked. As the roof clears itself of the white stuff, the driveway receives pile after pile, usually right after I've finished clearing it. No matter, life went on without electricity and without the telephone. I was lucky because I have wood heat and had heat and warmth, and could cook. I was out of practice using kerosene lamps and candles, but I was fine. Others were not so lucky. Oddly, I missed the telephone the most, even though I hate the instrument. Oh well, this is winter in Maine.

I wanted to say a quick thank you to all of you who have told me how they enjoy my column. That is music to a writer's ear. It is always nice to know that someone is reading what you write.

This weekend I was pleased to attend an Inanna concert up at the Summit. They are a female drumming group and play mostly African music. They were quite good and fun to dance with. The turnout was disappointing, but then everyone had just dealt with days of no power (some still were without), and many were tired from shoveling that heavy, heavy snow. I know I was, but I only had to travel a mile and friend Marsen picked me up. Who could ask for more.

During the storm, I noticed troops of walkers traveling with characteristic clear plastic bags wrapped around them. It struck me as amusing because it was snowing not raining, but they were having a great time, and they loved Tasha. I have no complaints. If they couldn't ski, they at least wanted to

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do something outside. Good for them.

I visited up at the Harrington farm this weekend and got to see Peggy and Estelle. Haven't seen them for quite some time. All seemed well and had weathered the storm just fine. They, too, had a woodstove to keep them warm. I also spied chickens in the driveway that didn't want to move to let me pass.

Lately, there have been fire trucks going up and down the road. Cars with firefighter plates traveling at high speed, also. I haven't seen anything about a fire at Jordan, but it was either that or another one of those races. It is amazing what I miss by not having a scanner. Someday I may break down and get one.

The Bethel Area Poets Society reading was postponed until tonight, the 29th at 7 P.M. at Café DiCocca. I hope everyone who was planning to come last week comes. It should be fun and I think the Rumford group will come, too.

That is all for now, my fingers are getting cold and it is time to feed the fire. Have a good week. Enjoy the lengthening days and the bright sun when it shines.

East Bethel



by
Nancy Mercer
Millie and Dana Jackson were in Unity on March 17 to visit Bill and Deborah Eldredge for lunch.

Florence Hastings spent March 24 and 25 with Dave and Ann Morton in Bryant Pond. They had power while we didn't.

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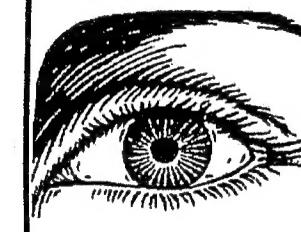


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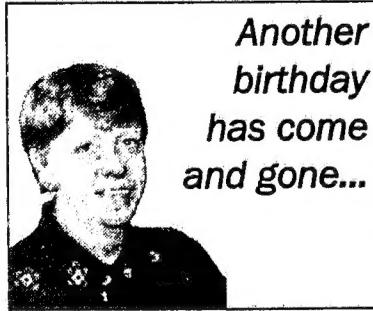
The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

Sharon Bouchard's column is published here by special arrangement with the Advertising Department of this newspaper.

Another birthday has come and gone and I'll be honest with you; I didn't much care for this one.

Oh, it was a very nice birthday as far as its being recognized by my loved ones. The family observed it with gifts, cards and lots of hugs and several friends passed on their best wishes of the day. The birthday itself was actually better than some I've experienced. No, it's not the birthday, it's the number of this one that I have a problem with.



Another birthday has come and gone...

I'm not sure why I'm having a problem with this particular age. It's not even a landmark number. I remember having a hard time turning 30, I think most women do. That's the cut-off point between girl and woman. It is also the point where you can no longer blame your mistakes on youth and inexperience. At 30 you have to take responsibility.

So I took responsibility and I got over being 30 and breezed right through 35, 40, 45 and I even handled 50 pretty well. But now in my 53rd year I'm having an aging crisis. I can no longer deny the "mature woman" syndrome. This is when I start buying underwear and shoes with comfort as the only criteria. For God's sake, I'm on the downhill side of the Half Century Club.

The worst horror of all is that I've have reached the "for her age" age. You know, "She's in pretty good shape - for her age." "She has a quick mind - for her age." "She writes pretty well - for her age."

You know, I can still remember at the ripe old age of 9 or 10, reciting the multiplication table for my Aunt Agnes who was visiting from Portland or as we used to say "Come up from Portland

for the day." Anyway, I remember beaming with pride when she told the rest of the family how bright I was - for my age. The implication of course being that I was much smarter than I should have been for 9 or 10 years old.

Now I've reached that point where once again my accomplishments will be punctuated by my age and the implication will still be that I'm probably smarter than I should be at this stage of my life.

I think birthdays have a much different effect on men than they do on women. For one thing, they seem to age more gracefully. Maybe it's because they haven't spent any time altering their looks with make-up and hair-dos. They just seem to slide from one year into the next gaining character lines where women get wrinkles. I could also say something about how they never had to give birth or work quite as hard as women, but I'm not going to get into that. I'll just leave it that men age more gracefully than women.

I don't think men feel the same way as women do about their birthdays in general. Women are very sentimental about their special day even though they may not want the number acknowledged. I think a woman always wants her birthday recognized.

For me, to have someone remember my birthday means I'm special to that person even though I have been dropping hints for two weeks.

Men don't seem to care if anyone remembers their birthday or not. I know I criticize them for not remembering special days like anniversaries and birthdays of their sweeties, but heck,

they don't even remember their own birthday most of the time. It just isn't that big of a deal.

That's not the way it used to be however. The celebration of an individual's birthday was started by the Egyptians at about 3000 B.C., but was only observed by the men. Women and children were not considered good enough or noble enough to have their birthdays acknowledged. I suppose the good news was that the Egyptian women were ageless and never had to suffer the humiliation of the Big 4-0 birthday bash with the black balloons and Over the Hill banners. I suspect that there were other forms of humiliation for women in a society that didn't recognize their births.

The Greeks and the Romans followed the Egyptians in the "for men only" celebrations of birthdays. In fact, it was the Romans that started the tradition of declaring a holiday to commemorate the birthdays of noted politicians. The problem was that all Roman politicians thought they were noted enough to declare their birthday a holiday. So there was a Roman holiday just about every day.

Then along came Cleopatra who was not about to let the men get away with not acknowledging her birthday. She was probably the first woman to throw a royal fit if anyone forgot her birthday, however mention of her age was never allowed and could lead to the death of the loose-lipped fool. Boy have we come a long way!

The way I see it, if birthday celebrations were good enough for Cleopatra, they're good enough for me. Therefore I am not going to worry about wrinkles, I am not going to worry about sags and bags and I'm not going to worry about any more birthdays. That's a pretty good attitude to take - for a woman my age.

Eric Hastings and his two sons from Massachusetts visited Sonny and Bettyann Hastings on March 24 and 25.

Everyone in this end of town is now ready for the snow to go — enough already. I know I am, as this wet, heavy stuff bent my TV antenna right over to the roof. Think spring.

Mason Township



by
Richard Grover

Last week turned out to be emotional for me. On Wednesday, I flew to Denver, Colo., to spend a few days with my son, Dean, and his family. Dean had been having some health concerns, and I wanted to see how he was doing and offer some moral support to both him and his family. He used some of his frequent flyer miles to get me a free ticket on United Airlines, the only stipulation being that I pay for a rental car for him if he is able to come to Maine with his family this summer.

Mona volunteered to stay home and tend the animals and chickens. As it turned out, I moved my departure ahead from Thursday to Wednesday in order to get ahead of the storm predicted for Thursday.

As you know, Mason got hit with some 20 inches of snow on Thursday night and Friday morning, accompanied by the loss of electric power.

Come Friday morning, I had a message from Mona waiting for me when I returned from an early morning walk at Dean's home in Colorado. She was without power, water for the cows and power to lunch.

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start her snowblower. I then told her how to start the generator and to plug the water pump and other appliances into the special circuit I had installed for just such an occasion.

I soon got another call, wanting to know how to start the Kubota tractor, which was blocking access to the generator. Shortly after that, Mona's daughter, Jane and Craig Ryerson arrived, and Craig used the Kubota to clear the driveway, so Mona could get out when she needed to.

At about noon Friday, Dean was running a high fever and decided he needed to go to the hospital. Sam (Dean's wife, Samantha) drove the family van with the whole family to the University of Colorado Hospital in Denver. Dean was admitted, and then I had two worries; how Mona was doing without electricity in Mason, and how Dean was doing in the hospital. Turns out, Mona got along pretty well with the help of the generator, and the doctors found out Dean had a strep infection in his abdomen area. We brought Dean home on Sunday afternoon, and I flew home to Mason on Monday.

My flight from Portland to Denver took me via Dulles Airport near Washington D.C. I had only 30 minutes from scheduled arrival to departure at Dulles. The plane from Portland taxied into Concourse "A" about 10 minutes behind schedule, and my departure was to be from Concourse "B." This required a tram ride. I hurried to the tram loading doors and waited anxiously for the tram to arrive. When it finally did, I was surprised by the design. The tram was a "two-headed" bus, with loading doors and a driver's position at both ends. At Concourse "A" one end of the tram bumps up against the loading

dock. After loading, the driver moves to the other end and drives straight across the United Airlines parking ramp and to the loading dock at Concourse "C." This design eliminates the need to turn the tram around amid taxiing aircraft, and I had never seen one like it.

Hanover



by
Clem Worcester

A grand celebration is in order. A marriage took place in town on Saturday. Howie, that world-famous rooster from Howard Pond, who now lives at Plumbago Mountain Farm, met Penny, an attractive lady from Laurie's Lane. Officiating was Laurie Beaudoin, who remarked that Penny didn't get along with her other hens anyway.

Birthday greetings this week go to Brian Worcester. Brian says he is doing all right.

Get well wishes are extended to Craig Turner; Craig is in a Portland hospital after becoming ill at work.

The snow began around noon on Thursday just as the TV weatherman said it would. Wet, heavy snow quickly accumulated on roads, roofs, trees and wires. Electric power flickered off and on most of Thursday night and finally went out completely at 4:45 Friday morning. The snow continued almost all day. By the middle of the afternoon telephone service to Hanover failed.

Several hours before it stopped snowing, 24 inches were measured at Howard Pond, while at lower elevations 16 to 18 inches were reported. Broken trees and

branches were to be found everywhere and numerous plow trucks broke from pushing the heavy snow.

Telephone service was restored Friday evening only to fail again during the night. On Saturday morning, the phones were again operating. Electric service for homes along Main Street was returned Friday evening, while some others got it back during the night, and by 4:30 p.m. on Saturday almost every home had power returned. A little sun and warmer temperatures Saturday helped to melt our roads and driveways.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library will celebrate 100 years of service to Hanover and the area this year. Located on Howard Pond Road, the building was originally used as the post office. The Library Association consists of area women who volunteer their services to operate the library and maintain the building. The library is open one day a week in the summer. Hopefully, the community will help the Library Association celebrate its centennial anniversary.

The future of Gardner Roberts Memorial Library may be more of a historical nature. Hanover contracts with the Rumford Library for use by Hanover citizens.

A giant rooster has come to Hanover. He is hiding in plain sight. Can you find him?

Andover

by Joan Stinson Carney

I would like to express my condolences to the families of Merton Perkins and Cecil

"Toot" Abbott. It's odd sometimes the way I think. When I was growing up in Andover, people older than I were just that, people — my friends' parents, my teachers, who ever. After a 30-year hiatus, I returned to Andover, and the older people somehow took on personalities that I had missed growing up.

Two of the people that I came to know and love were Mert and Toot. I'd see them around town, in the All Seasons' or in the town office, and they were always glad to see me, always asked after my parents, showed their concern about my father. They were always there ready to do whatever they could for their neighbors, for the town. I feel like two of the solid bricks that this town was built on are gone, leaving a hole that can never be filled. I will miss them, the whole town will. Rest in peace gentlemen, and say "hi" to my father for me.

This year's birthday people include Kelly Scotti and Robin Kershner on March 31, Meghan Wardwell and Hanna Nickerson on April 1, Ken Learned on the 2nd, Erica Blood and Foster Davis on the 4th and Randy Morin on the 5th. Happy Birthday everybody.

On Sunday, April Fool's Day, daylight savings begins. I'm going to keep track of all the daylight I save this year. Can't seem to save any money, so I might as well save something. Don't forget "Spring forward — Fall back." See, I've

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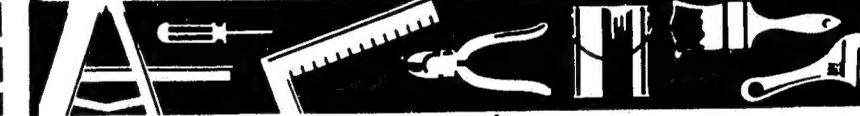
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lost an hour already.

Got an interesting letter from some former residents of Andover, Polly and Dick Johnston. It seems they live in the state of Washington and were "all shook up" recently. They weren't home at the time of the quake and didn't know about it until they arrived at a travel agency, to buy tickets for Alaska. Good idea at the time, seems to me. After getting over the shock, they were relieved to find minimal damage to their home. Their daughters, Joyce and Melanie, were lucky, too, only some broken dishes to contend with. I really appreciate people from "away" that send me letters. Thanks, Polly and Dick.

I am truly proud to announce the following—a couple of weeks ago in Warwick, R.I., my cousin, Steve Simmons, received an award for his "Exemplary abilities and performances in the field of youth work." Steve works at the Rumford Group Home and was honored by the New England Association of Social Services. My hat goes off to anybody who can cope with this kind of work and really do a good job at it. Steve, it seems, does both very well. Congratulations, Steve. Did I mention that he's my cousin?

Again, I want to remind all of Andover's high school seniors who are planning on attending college or a trade school in the fall that the time limit on submitting their letter to be in the running for a \$100 scholarship from the Andover Service Circle is May 1. Send a description of your educational plans to Andover Service Circle, 187 East Andover Road, East Andover, ME 04226, ASAP.

If you need legal help, and for some reason can't get out of Andover to get it, Andover residents, Michael Steven and Janet Meisner, will be more than happy to arrange to see you at your home. For more information, call Mike at 392-1098 or Janet at 392-2588, or you can also reach them at 824-2588.

Some more hillbilly medical terms: pelvis, second cousin to Elvin; morbid, a higher offer I bid;

tablet, a small table; tumor, more than one; and varicose, nearby/close by.

The word of the week is nadir. Look it up. See ya.

North Newry



by
Gil Seeley

Family and friends helped Mandy Berry celebrate her 20th birthday on March 25 at the home of her grandparents, John and Nancy Wight. Her mother, Retta Berry, and Aunt Boozzy had to buy the birthday cakes, as Newry was out of power for a few days due to the snowstorm.

Upton



by
Eleanor LeComte

It's only nine months to Christmas you know. If we keep all this snow we will have a very white Christmas.

Last week's storms occurred while we were ensconced at St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, with temperatures of 80 degrees and higher and a beautiful cool breeze flowing over us.

We were guests of "C.J." and Barbara Stratton. I must have been dreaming because in one week we spent every hour of the waking day pursuing the local color. Magens Bay was the best swimming hole and we spent many hours soaked in her wonderful waters. Snorkeling, swimming and even attending a beach wedding up to our necks in the blue water was nothing but unreal. It was so different from our usual habitat that we were in a constant state of "something new."

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John's Island to visit with the Harris family of Mill Road in Upton. Anita and Bill Harris have a winter residence that was purchased at the best time, a number of years ago. It sits on the side of a cliff overlooking the Caribbean. I must have dreamed it, because it was so beautiful. The hospitality of the Harris' will be long remembered.

Above Bill and Anita's tropical hideaway, Sue and Mike Sullivan have a villa named Casanita. Bill and Anita were staying at this home with guests, Dean and Barbara from New York. A delightful tropical lunch of native fruits and salad was served. The landscape around the two villas was planted with huge agave cacti, bougainvillea and other tropical plantings. While Richard was peering over the deck he spotted two wild goats, two wild donkeys and a mongoose. (And we think our deer are so great.)

Barbara and Clyde Stratton entertained us at their condo overlooking Charlotte Amalie Harbor. The sunsets were great, but Lake Umbagog's are still number one.

While we were basking in tropical splendor, Upton was dumped upon with 19 inches of snow, on top of the 36 inches already standing. "guilt-guilt-guilt." The Upton team did an outstanding job of dealing with this spring weather disaster. Earl Largesse work 25 hours straight to cope with the everlasting downfall of the white stuff. While pursuing his road commissioner's duties at the height of the storm he fell, injuring his ribs and shoulder. Richard Angevine had provided him with a "cell phone" to reach him in case of an emergency. Earl was unable to reach the phone but was finally able to get home under his own power. Many thanks to a very devoted town employee.

When we arrived home, our driveway and a path to the deer feeding area were cleared out, thanks to Gene Wixom. When the power was lost, Roger Lavallee started our generator, making sure that there was heat in the house,

averting frozen pipes. Larry and Sue Nelson came by snowmobile, every day across the lake to feed the deer, who were having a desperate time trying to find a feeding area. Sue chopped apples and Larry lugger grain to the lake's edge. Many thanks to these people for the many tasks they performed in a time of crisis without being requested. One drive down Mill Road gives a picture of overwhelming snowfall. Many thanks to all mentioned and others who assisted.

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iors will meet on Thursday, April 5, at the Grange Hall. The meeting will start at 11:30 a.m., and dinner, put on by the Daughters of Union Veterans, will be served at noon. The program will follow with Anita Wiles from Seniors Plus as speaker.

Did you see the great article Kathleen Bean did on Birchmere for the Sun? It really did the Historical Society proud. Besides Birchmere, Woodstock boasts a very distinguished Dreamhome, now on the National Register. Supposedly, Mr. Ellery's wife saw it in a dream and he built it for her, or so the story goes. The museum has a coffeepot from a huge service they had at Dreamhome, and a large brochure on the property. The museum has wonderful collections. They encourage you to learn about antiques. The museum is virtually complete and its collections are varied and sizable and its library is respectable and more than adequate for a small town. The exhibits are well catalogued. A small museum shop offers a few souvenirs and books produced by the Society. Meetings are held on the premises so those attending can see everything the Society offers.

Curator Larry Billings has finished rereading "Wuthering Heights," a very dramatic novel. He also read the book of Hebrews, equally dramatic and reread the book of James. He tries to read from the Bible daily, as many Christians do. He is looking forward to Easter, his favorite holiday because of its religious significance. Christianity has since become possibly the chief source of inspiration for Western Civilization. Art and architecture were cer-

tainly influential by it as were literature and classical music. Curator Billings has done a tape about his work with the Historical Society for his mother's Oral History Project. You can listen to it at the museum this next summer.

South Woodstock



by
Andrea Wing

Our daughter, Kellie Record, who is on vacation in Florida, called to wish us a happy anniversary on March 20. Our son, Rick Wing, called us from Bridgton to wish us a happy one, also.

Tommy Poland is back from her two-week trip to Florida. She came back to the big snowstorm last week. I haven't gotten the details of her trip yet but am anxious to hear all about it.

What a snowstorm. I hope it will stop snowing soon so we'll have a real spring and summer. After all this mess we deserve it.

Larry Billings, curator, Woodstock Historical Society, reports that the Society values your interest and support. People in Woodstock seem to appreciate what we try to do. Much thanks. The museum has multi-volume sets of books by New England authors. The Society is a source of pride for its members. They have all contributed to its success.

Curator Billings has finished rereading "Wuthering Heights." He has also donated to the museum two prints, two tins, a cast iron



CELTIC MUSIC AT GOULD
The Irish traditional band, "Altan," called by the Boston Globe "the hottest group in the Celtic realm these days," will present a concert at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium on Thursday, April 5. The band, founded by fiddler and lead singer Mairead Ni Mhaonaigh and her late husband, Belfast flute-player Frankie Kennedy, originated nearly two decades ago in the kitchens and pubs of Ireland's County Donegal. They have toured extensively around the world performing an invigorating mix of traditional and contemporary music that ranges from romantic ballads to hard-hitting reels and jigs, and have gained overwhelming popularity and critical acclaim. The concert at Gould Academy, part of the school's visiting performing artists series, begins at 7:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students, and are available at the door.

West Paris



by
Bertha DeHaas

Happy spring. It truly does not seem possible that it is March 26 already, 42 degrees outside, sunny, breezy, and a beautiful flock of purple finches, chickadees and juncos all busily occupied at the five feeders out on the front porch. How I do enjoy their beautiful songs as they flit around from feeder to feeder. Had a pair of cardinals out there at 7 a.m. How beautiful they are.

GREENWOOD RESIDENTS

Greenwood Annual Town Meeting

TIME: 10:00 am
DATE: Saturday, March 31, 2001
PLACE: Greenwood Town Hall, Route 26

Please bring your Town Reports
Greenwood Selectmen

the evening of April 19, the Grange Community Service Program will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall on Church Street. Beverly Stevens is this year's

Town of Greenwood ASSESSOR'S NOTICE

You are hereby notified that the Assessors and Assessors Agent will be in session at the Greenwood Town Office on Friday, March 30, 2001 from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm to receive true and perfect lists of all properties, real and personal owned by you as of April 1, 2000; subject to taxation under the laws of the State of Maine.

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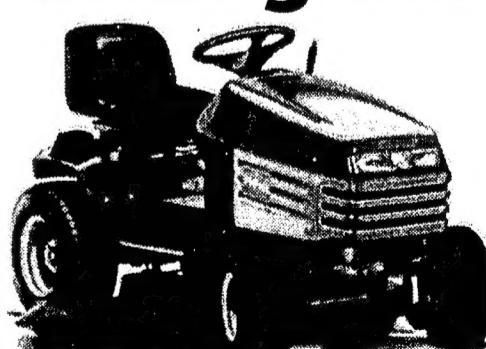
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The Bethel Citizen

Community Service Award recipient. Our Grange Spring Craft and Food Sale will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 15 at our Grange Hall on Church Street. Tables are \$5 on year.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

Spring. More snow and more snow. Friday morning, and I cannot get out of the house

until I do a lot of shoveling. The back walk is at least four feet deep. The front doors are banked up with five or six feet of wet, heavy stuff. Frank Perham did get in with his plow, so the drive is clear for a short time. About four more inches are promised for today. There is very little space on the lawn to push much more. Hopefully, real spring and warm weather will come before we all become prisoners in our own houses. The pantry is well stocked — I will not starve.

Two more snow days to be made up at the Oxford Hills schools. The TV has been running cancellations all day, when the cable is working. The radio stations have kept us informed around the clock. As yet, there is no danger of flooding here in Oxford County, but just wait until all of this melts.

Let's hope the Grange supper, planned for April 7, will be a good no-snow day. The supper will be at 5 p.m., with casseroles, beans, salads, desserts and beverages at the Grange Hall. Adult tickets are \$5 and children under 12 get in for \$2.50.

On April 1, the West Paris Universalist Church service will be led by the minister, the Rev. Joy Gasta. Her topic will be "Serious Lessons from Playing the Fool," as it is April Fool's Day. The organist is Susan Glines. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour or you'll miss the service. Spring ahead.

Questing Elders met at the home of Joyce Lamb on Wednesday with the Rev. Joy Gasta. The topic of discussion was "Spring." A bit premature. The next meeting will be on April 18 at the home of Lee Dean.

I have had several cards from the Florida people. They are bragging about the sunny weather but are complaining about the heat. All seem to be content to stay south

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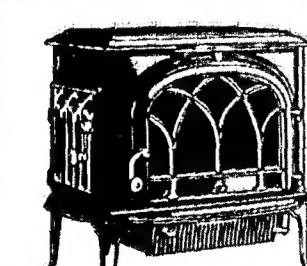
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rather than battle the snow. That is a basic reason to be there, I think. It will take a few more weeks for it to melt and a month or more for the mud to dry up. They had better stay where they are.

The craft group did not meet this week because of the snowstorm, but will meet next Thursday at 1 p.m. with June Demarest, to continue making baby quilts.

Buffy did enjoy the crusty snow and sunshine and took long walks for a few days, but has again become completely housebound. If he were out today, the heavy, wet snow would cover his tummy with snowballs. It takes a while for him to pull them all off. He is very fastidious.

East Stoneham



by Eleanor Nelson
Hi readers, I'll try to get this column done even though there's not too much to write

about. It's storming hard out now and the power went off for two hours, so didn't get this done and to the post office. That serves me right for not doing it yesterday.

Anyway, yesterday five of us from the East Stoneham Congregational Church met at the home of Mary Grover for a regular meeting. Sharon McAllister opened the meeting and the secretary and treasurer's reports were read, discussed and accepted. Lilies have been ordered for Easter. By the way, Easter sunrise services will be held at 6 a.m. at Keoka Lake, by Dr. Hubbard's, on Sunday morning, April 15. This is at Waterford Flat.

Breakfast will be served at North Waterford Congregational Church vestry following sunrise service. Regular church service at 10 a.m. will be at East Stoneham Congregational Church. Services for the rest of April will be at East Stoneham. Maundy Thursday, April 12, will be 5 p.m. at North Waterford.

Robin Mills, chair, JA Advisory

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The meeting closed, and the next one will be at Stoneham Church vestry on May 16.

I believe the Mother-Daughter Banquet, which is now called Family Banquet, will be held this year at Camp Susan Curtis. This is to benefit children going to summer camp at Pilgrim Lodge and Camp Susan Curtis. I'll give you more details on that later.

Also, the summer public supper dates are in. They are as follows: June 21, July 19, Aug 16 (the popular turkey supper), Sept. 6, and the harvest supper is Oct. 11. If there are any changes on these dates, I will let you know.

The March meeting of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Hannah F. Richardson Tent 19, was canceled this month on account of the snowstorm and bad traveling. The next one is planned for April 12.

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Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement (JA) of the Bethel area held a strategic-planning luncheon meeting Thursday, March 22, at the Sudbury Inn. Preston Jump, facilitator, branch development director for JA of Maine said, "Bethel really distinguished itself in the high level of community support for the Junior Achievement program in its first year. The momentum established means that a very high percentage of area students will soon be learning about business, economics and free enterprise."

JA classes were held in all SAD44 fifth grades last fall. Currently, all third-graders are learning about economics through "Our City" program. The spring segment includes "Our Families" for all first grades, and "Our World" is being introduced at Telstar Middle School. This year, a total of 319 students will learn to value free enterprise, business and economics to improve the quality of their lives.

Robin Mills, chair, JA Advisory



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF BETHEL PLANS AHEAD—Assisting Junior Achievement of Bethel in its strategic planning efforts were: front (from left): Preston Jump, Al Barth, Rosabelle Tiffet, Scott Mills, Barry Estes; second row: Robin Zinchuk, Robin Mills, Theresa Estes; third row: Sara Roderick, Don Murphy. Absent: Eileen Meisner.

munity interested in learning more about JA may log on to the national Web site, JA.org.

Goals for the next year to be set by the JA Advisory Council include: 1) establish the number of classes to pursue for each of the next four years; 2) determine the amount of funding needed; 3) recruit and train the appropriate number of volunteer consultants; 4) explore other innovative programs in order to reach more students.

Discussion about the importance of JA's contribution to Maine's learning results was cited as a definite selling point. Barth, well-versed on this topic, commented that he was "pleased to see that JA has shown schools how their program can reinforce the learning results, thus supporting schools financially as well as in meeting the school's obligation to meet the standards of the learning results."

For further information about JA activities, call Mills at 824-3768 or 824-2669, or e-mail at rrmls@megalink.net.

*From the
Bethel Historical
Society's Regional
History Center*

On July 14, 2001, the Bethel Historical Society will sponsor a Sunday River House Tour and Luncheon. A variety of homes and styles will be represented. Volunteers are needed to serve as hosts and hostesses for the homes. Willing hands are also needed to assist with the registration and luncheon as well.

Anyone wishing to help in this effort, which will benefit the Society's capital campaign, is urged to call Susan Herlihy at (207) 824-3932 or the Society office (207) 824-2908.

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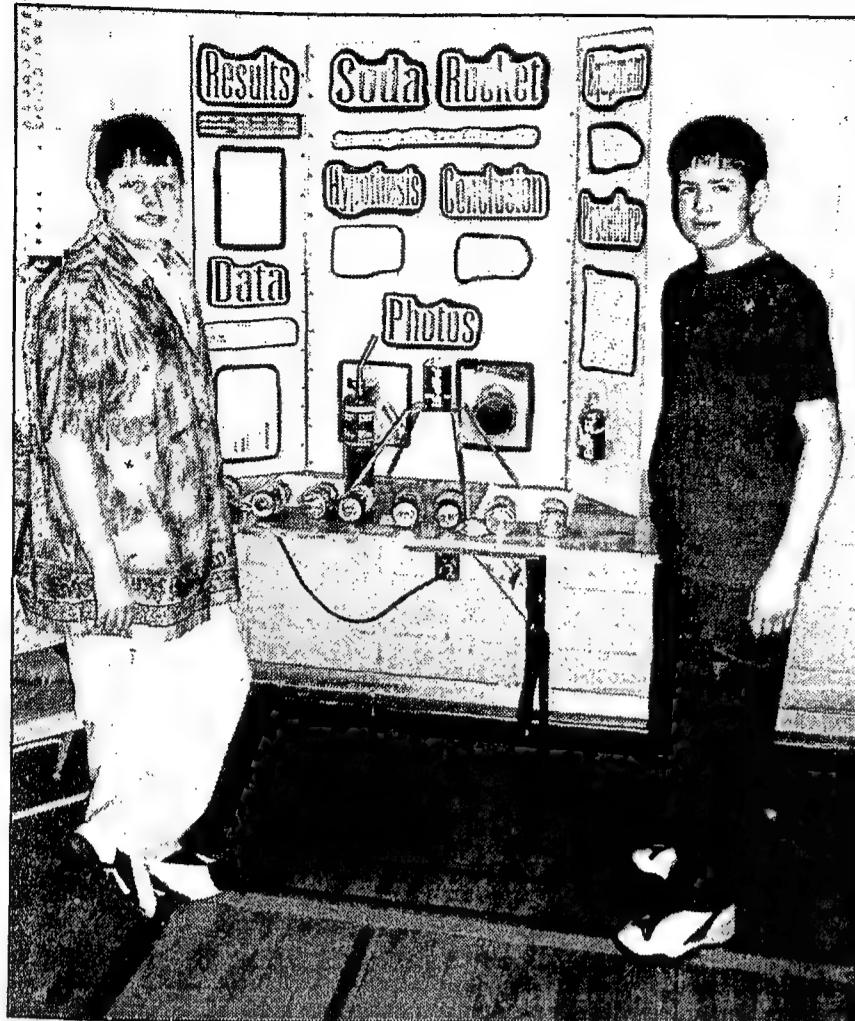
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ROCKET SCIENTISTS
Clayton Smith and T.J. Savage tied for third place for eighth-graders in the Telstar Middle School Science Fair Monday. Their project, "Soda Rocket," investigated the effect of heating full, upside-down cans of Pepsi with a blow torch. The result: The tabs or bottoms of several cans blew out, sending them up to 30 feet in the air. The boys wore welding masks and plastic bags to protect themselves during the experiment. Other winners: Eighth grade: 1. Lorenzo Baker; 2. August Reiss, Josh Longway; 3. Ross Parker, Andrew Raymond; 4. Frank Emerson. Seventh grade: 1. Denise Howard-Corrin; 2. Kyle Kuvaja; 3. Dan Zicarelli; 4. Cindy Farrington; 5. Jillian Kimball. Sixth grade: 1. Lauren McAllister; 1. Dyana Dyke; 2. Morgan Carver; 2. Kevin Wright; 3. Karr Thurlow.
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SCHOOL LUNCHES: WEEK OF APRIL 2

SAD44 Elementary/Middle/High Breakfast Program
Breakfast for elementary schools and Telstar Regional High School will be choices every day.

SAD44 Telstar Middle/High School Lunch Program
Monday: Chicken patty, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, hamburger/bun, p/b/j sandwich.
Tuesday: Ham. Mashed potato, mixed vegetables, bread/butter, pepperoni pizza.
Wednesday: Cheese stix, pizza sauce, assorted fruit, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll.
Thursday: Sloppy joe/bun, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, ham and cheese roll, teriyaki chicken, p/b/j sandwich.
Friday: Ham and cheese roll, kernel corn, potato chips, pepperoni pizza, beef ravioli, hamburger/bun.

SAD44 Elementary School Lunch Program
Monday: Chicken patty/bun, assorted fruit juice, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar.
Tuesday: Ham, mashed potato, sliced carrots, bread/butter, beef ravioli.
Wednesday: Cheese stix, pizza sauce, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar.
Thursday: Sloppy joe/bun, garden peas, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar.
Friday: Ham and cheese roll, kernel corn, beef ravioli, p/b/j sandwich, salad bar, fruit bar.

Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School
Monday: Hamburger/bun, mini carrots w/ranch dip, corn chips, fruit, milk.
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, rice pilaf, peas, fruit, milk.
Wednesday: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, celery sticks, yogurt, fruit, milk.
Thursday: Homemade macaroni and cheese, bread/butter, ham sticks, salad bar, fruit, milk.
Friday: Pepperoni pizza sticks, french fries, corn, fruit, milk.

Oxford Hills Middle School
Monday: Vegetarian sub or chicken salad sub, potato chips, pasta bar, milk.
Tuesday: Nachos w/meat sauce or tuna salad on w/w, pasta bar, milk.
Wednesday: Cheeseburger/bun or hot dog/bun, potato puffs, pickles, pasta bar, milk.
Thursday: Buffalo wings w/dressing or Rib-A-Que/bun, potato wedges, pasta bar, milk.
Friday: Monterey chicken sub w/ranch dressing, corn chips, pasta bar, animal cookies, milk.

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A ROCK SOLID PERFORMANCE—The BIG Adventure Indoor Rock Climbing Team participated in its first-ever competition this past weekend at Bould Morty's in Nashua, N.H. A total of 103 climbers took part. In the boys' 11 and under category, Evan Boelsma, Andrew Gundersen, Alex Gundersen and Will Chapman placed second, third, fourth and fifth, respectively. In the same category for the girls, Seanna Seikman (shown here) was fourth. Also participating were Gavin Parker, Kevin Zinchuk, Matt Zinchuk, Jenna Mawhinney and Leah Mawhinney. The team will compete in Queensbury, N.Y. this weekend.



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THURSDAY EVENING MARCH 29, 2001

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Frasier	Frasier	WWF Smackdown!		Ent. Tonight	Arrest	Seinfeld	Mad		
(32)	World's Greatest Magic IV			Scariest Places on Earth	Early Edition		700 Club			
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Friends	Weber	Will-Grace	Just Shoot	ER	News		
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Whose?	Whose?	Be a Millionaire	Primetime Thursday	News			
10	News-Lehrer	Maine	Made In	Mystery!		Maine Independents	School			
(22)	Final Four	High School Basketball: Slam Jam		College Basketball: NIT Final -- Teams TBA		Sportscenter				
(34)	Miami Vice		Martial Law	Movie: "Kiss Me Goodbye"		Dead Man's Gun				
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Survivor-Aust. Outback	CST: Crime Scn	Big Apple	News				
(41)	Beyond the Glory	See This	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls		Sports	Last Word				
(15)	"I Dreamed of Africa"	Real Sports	Movie: "Cheaters"		Real Sex 23					
(17)	My Date With the President's Daughter	Movie: "Horse Sense"		My Date With the President's Daughter						
(18)	"Auggie Rose" Cont'd	Movie: "The Haunting"		Movie: "No Alibi"						
(20)	Track and Field: Indoor	Front Row - Rush	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News			
(44)	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: "The Three Lives of Karen"		Golden	Golden				
(5)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "The Untouchables"		"Uncommon Valor"					
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Thornberrys	Brady	Strokes	Facts-Life	3's Co.	All in Family	All in Family	
(25)	Hollywood Lives	Movie: "The Cotton Club"		Movie: "The St. Valentine's Day Massacre"						
(26)	JAG	Movie: "The Last Don"				Marlin	Martin			
(27)	Law & Order	Biography	Movie: "Silver Bullet"			Law & Order				
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Suddenly	Movie: "What About Bob?"	Hawaii Five-0		In the Heat of the Night				
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Wolf Blitzer	The Point	Larry King Live	Tonight	Spin Room	Sports	Moneyline	

FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 30, 2001

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Frasier	Frasier	Parkers	Hughleys	Gary-Mike	Gary-Mike	Ent. Tonight	Arrest	Seinfeld	Mad
(32)	World's Greatest Magic V			Scariest Places on Earth			700 Club			
6	Hollywood	Seinfeld	Providence	Dateline	Law & Order	News				
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Two Guys	Norm	Be a Millionaire	20/20	News			
10	News-Lehrer	Wash Wk	Wall St.	Keeping Up	Keeping Up	Time Goes	Served	Ancestors-Am.		
(22)	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Semi.	Basketball	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Semi.	Sportscenter						
(34)	Miami Vice	Martial Law	Auto Racing: World of Outlaws		Monster Jam					
13	Friends	Ent. Tonight	Diagnosis Murder	Fugitive	Nash Bridges	News				
(41)	Pregame	NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Boston Celtics		Sports	Last Word	National Sports Report				
(15)	Movie: "Entrapment"		Movie: "Fight Club"		Dennis M.					
(17)	Lizzie	Movie: "Zenon: Girl of the 21st Century"	Aaron Carter	Movie: "Model Behavior"	Even					
(18)	Movie: "Held Up" Cont'd	Movie: "Ghostbusters II"		Movie: "Galaxy Quest"						
(20)	NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Ottawa Senators			ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News			
(44)	Ice Bound-Fight of Life	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: "Children of My Heart"		Division					
(5)	Preseason Baseball: Atlanta Braves vs. Cleveland Indians		Movie: "The Living Daylights"							
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	Oddparents	Invader Zim	Rocket	3's Co.	3's Co.	All in Family	All in Family	
(25)	Hollywood Lives	Movie: "Gunga Din"		Cinema	"Frankenstein Conquers the World"					
(26)	JAG	Movie: "The Last Don"		Farmclub.com						
(27)	Law & Order	Biography	Behind Closed Doors	Poirot	Law & Order					
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Suddenly	Movie: "Robin Hood"		News	In the Heat of the Night				
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Wolf Blitzer	The Point	Larry King Live	Tonight	Spin Room	Sports	Moneyline	

SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 31, 2001

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	NHL Hockey: New York Islanders at Boston Bruins			Entertainment Tonight	Maximum Exposure					
(32)	Cher: Live in Concert From the MGM Grand		Movie: "Dances With Wolves"							
6	Maine	Seinfeld	XFL Football: Chicago Enforcers at New York/New Jersey Hitmen		News	Sal. Night				
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	AHL Hockey: Worcester IceCats at Portland Pirates		News	Pretender				
10	Made In	Opinion	Bill Cohen-Arm	Antiques Roadshow	Woman's Place	Red Green	Robot Wars			
(22)	Dog Show	Figure Skating: World Championships		Baseball Tonight	Sportscenter					
(34)	Bull Riding	Backstage	Grand Opry	Gaiher Gospel Hour	Century of Country	Backstage	Grand Opry			
13	Basketball	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Semifinal -- Teams TBA	King	News						
(41)	See This	AHL Hockey: Quebec Citadelles at Hartford Wolf Pack		Sports	National Sports Report					
(15)	Movie: "Never Been Kissed"		Movie: "Here on Earth"		Sopranos					
(17)	Even	Movie: "Angels in the Attic"	Movie: "Leave It to Beaver"	MusicVids	Aaron Carter					
(18)	Home Alone" Cont'd	Movie: "Sanctuary"		Movie: "Point Break"						
(20)	Preseason Baseball: Red Sox vs. Brewers		ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News			
(44)	Taking Back My Life	Movie: "Gone in a Heartbeat"		Beyond Chance	Once and Again					
(5)	Encino Man" Cont'd	Movie: "Dumb & Dumber"		Movie: "Turner & Hooch"						
(24)	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats	SpongeBob	Amanda	Oddparents	Invader Zim	Strokes	Facts-Life	3's Co.	3's Co.
(25)	"Firecreek" Cont'd	Movie: "The Chosen"		Movie: "Them!"						
(26)	Movie: "Tommy Boy"		Movie: "Billy Madison"		Silk Stalkings					
(27)	Behind Closed Doors	Biography	Dalziel and Pascoe		100 Centre Street					
(12)	Fresh Pr.	Fresh Pr.	Movie: "10 to Midnight"		News	Darkside	Missing II			
(39)	Capital Gang		Tonight	Take Five	Larry King Weekend	Tonight	Capital	Sports	People	

SUNDAY EVENING APRIL 1, 2001

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	XFL Football: San Francisco Demons at Las Vegas Outlaws			Star Trek: Voyager	Star Trek: Voyager					
(32)	Movie: Speed"		Movie: "Speed"							
6	NBA Basketball	Dateline	Movie: "Semper Fi"		News	Big Break				
8	Movie: "Flubber"		Be a Millionaire	Practice	News	Pretender				
10	Ballykissangel	Nature	Masterpiece Theatre		Crown	Bill Cohen-Arm				
(22)	Sportscenter	Reporters	Basketball	Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tourn. Final -- Teams TBA	Sportscenter					
(34)	North	Outdoors	Outdoor	Grigsby	Championship Bull Riding	Bill Dance	In-Fish	Car		
13	60 Minutes	Touched by an Angel	Movie: "And Never Let Her Go"		News					
(41)	Boxing: Reid vs. TBA	Beyond the Glory	NASCAR Victory Lane	Sports	Last Word	Obermann				
(15)	Movie: "Another Stakeout"		Sopranos	Soldiers-Army	Movie: "Wil"					
(17)	Even	Lizzie	Heartbeat	Hoops	Movie: "Batteries not included"	MusicVids	Lizzie	Hoops		
(18)	Movie: "Blue Streak" Cont'd		Movie: "Universal Soldier: The Return"	Movie: "Hanging Up"						
(20)	Front Row-Quest	Football Feva	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News	ESPN News			
(44)	On the Edge	Strong Medicine	Division	Any Day Now	Movie: "Sex & Mrs. X"					
(5)	Austin Powers: Mystery	Movie: "Almost Heroes"		Movie: "Almost Heroes"						
(24)	Taina	Ginger	C							

Events Calendar

Public Computer Access - The SAD44 Public Access Computer Lab is located at the Adult Learning Center, Philbrook Street, Bethel. The lab is open for public use by adults during the times listed, at no charge. All lab users must abide by the SAD44 Acceptable Use Policy and the rules posted in the lab. Regular Hours starting Jan. 2: Mondays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursdays, 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Fridays, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Sundays, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.; closed Saturdays.

Seniors Lunch every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m., at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street, sponsored by SeniorsPlus. Donation for 60 and older and spouses \$2.50; all other guests, \$4. Come alone or bring a friend. Reservations are important. For information, menus, reservations, call 824-3168 (also the number to call to apply for Meals on Wheels).

Thursday, March 29

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Daffodil Days. Local volunteers will sell daffodils at the Bethel Foodliner to benefit the American Cancer Society. Daffodils are available in bunches of 10 for \$6.

7 p.m. - Upton Town Meeting.

7 p.m. - Bethel Area Poets Society (rescheduled from last week) will meet at Café DiCocoa. Everyone invited. The Rumford Poets plan to attend this meeting. For more information, call Rockie at 824-3427.

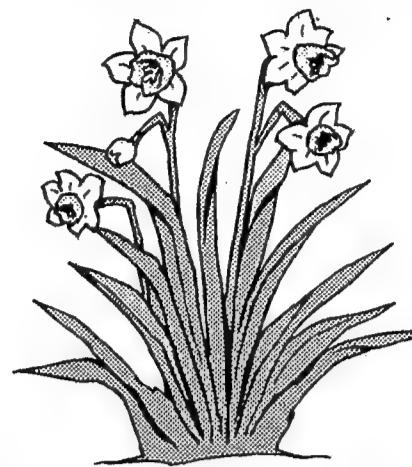
Friday, March 30

7:30 p.m. - Darby Hickey, a graduate of Gould Academy and Friends World College, will speak on "Contextualizing the Arab/Israeli Conflict" at the West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. He will provide an historical background and contemporary reflections, after living in Jerusalem, against the backdrop of the present peace process and the revival of the Palestinian Intifada. Co-sponsors: Mahoosuc Mountain Workshop Group (local Quaker meeting) and the West Parish Congregational Church. For more information, call Emily Ecker at 665-2577.

Saturday, March 31

April Fool's Pole, Paddle and Paw Race at Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center. A fun triathlon (cross-country skiing, canoeing and snow-shoeing) and season transition race for two-person teams who traditionally arrive in costume. For information, call 824-2410.

Fireworks at Sunday River Ski Resort.



Spring is Here!

5 to 8 p.m. - Benefit Supper for Jonathan Jaynes at the American Legion Hall, South Paris. Silent auction (gift certificates, antique furniture, home crafts, etc.). Come sponsor: "Shave your head for a great cause" to be donated to "Locks of Love." Enjoy a buffet supper and live entertainment. Cost: \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

March 31-April 1

14th annual Bust 'n Burn Mogul Mania/Great Eastern Shootout on White Heat at Sunday River Ski Resort. It's also a spring festival, with on-mountain parties, music and more.

Tuesday, April 3

7 p.m. - SAD44 Band Concert (elementary, middle and high school) at Telstar Regional High School. Free. Public invited.

10 a.m. to noon - Western Maine Knitting Guild meeting at Christ Episcopal Church, Norway. The program will be the trunk show from TKGA showing the latest in yarns. Everyone welcome. For more information, call Sally at 743-6635 or Gretchen at 743-7212.

Wednesday, April 4

Oxford Hills Community Blood Drive at Maine Veterans Home, 477 High Street, South Paris, sponsored by Western Maine Advisory Commission for the Red Cross. For more information, call (800) 482-0743 Ext. 38.

Thursday, April 5

11:30 a.m. - Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens meeting at the Bryant Pond Grange Hall. Anita Wiles from Seniors Plus will be speaking.

Monthly Meetings

First Sunday: Bethel Snow Twisters Club meets at Clayton Crockett's at 7 p.m. September through April.

Greenwood Snow Sports Snowmobile Club meets at the Greenwood Town Office at 9 a.m.

Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club meeting at Newry Town Office.

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

Bethel Freedom Group AA meeting, 6 to 7 p.m. ST/BB at Bethel Fire Station.

First Monday: Greenwood Planning Board meets at Town Office, 7 p.m. (Will meet third Monday for several months to work on comprehensive plan only.)

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Newry Fire Department monthly meetings: first Monday, 7 p.m., at Sunday River Station; third Monday, 7 p.m., Bear River Station.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17,

Ellis River Riders meet at Andover Fire Station, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for place.

Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7:30 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church (downstairs).

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Western Maine Knitters Guild meets at Christ Church, Norway, 10 a.m. to noon.

First and Third Tuesday: The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Frank Gibson home, North Road, Bethel, at 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Promise Keepers, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

FACTS (Family/Friends And Consumers Together for Support) 6:30-8 p.m. at Ethel Bisbee Adult Learning Center. Contact Rhonda at 824-3076.

Greenwood selectmen meet at Town Office, 5 p.m.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Ladies' Bible Fellowship, 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Cub Scout Pack 566 meeting, 6 p.m., at Crescent Park School Cafeteria.

Mollycoddle Chorus practice, 6:30-9 p.m. at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Skeetfield Rd., Oxford (Call 824-2468 for info).

Seasonal only: Every Saturday: Bethel Farmers' Market, Bethel Area Health Center parking lot, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Locally grown produce and local goods.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office or mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The deadline is Monday noon.

Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

Adult Education and Sunday School 10:15 a.m.,

Sunday evening worship with Bible reading 6:45 p.m.; Wednesday evening prayer meeting and Bible study, 7 p.m. (First Sunday of each month, Singspiration alternating between North Paris Federated and West Paris Baptist).

West Paris Congregational Church-Sunday

Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

Sumner

East Sumner Congregational-Sunday service, 9 a.m.

Church Services

Bethel

Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Rick Mowery, 10:00 a.m. worship, Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Men's and women's groups Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Home prayer groups 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays. Youth ministries 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Church of the Nazarene—Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school (2 hours, including recreation activities); call 824-4028 for transportation), 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service, 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 for more info.

West Parish Congregational—Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tues., 8 a.m.

Our Lady of the Snows—Mass—Saturday, 5 p.m. 743-2606. Pastor Father Maurice Lebel 743-2606.

Bethel Alliance Church—Rev. Richard Mowery 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. worship service. 6 p.m. evening service. 824-2289.

United Methodist—Rev. Walter Brown, Pastor, 10 a.m. Sunday worship. Rainbow Church School, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays (all ages welcome).

West Bethel Union—Rev. John Williams, 9 a.m. worship and church school. For info, call 836-2844 or 836-2882.

Pleasant Valley Bible—Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10 a.m. worship. 836-2828.

Episcopal House Church—Third Sunday each month at the Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, at 4 p.m. For more information, call 824-2913. (April 23, 2001)

Church of Christ—at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends—a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers)—Sunday 9:30 a.m. at 558 E. Bethel Rd.

Newcomers welcome. First Day School activities provided for children. Call Marie Hickey (875-2257) for more info.

Worldwide Church of God—10:30 a.m. first, second and third (and fifth) Saturday each month. Services held in the dining hall of the West Parish Congregational Church. Contact: George Weber, 892-0779.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist—Rev. Peter Laitres, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service. 665-3133.

Unitarian Universalist—Closed for the winter. Open in the spring beginning every first and third Sunday of each month at 10 a.m.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist—Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school, 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock)—Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Andover

First Congregational Church—Pastor Jane Rich, 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m.

Calvary Congregational Church—Winter hours: Morning worship service 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Sunday evening Praise Service, 7 p.m.; Wed. night, Bible study and prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Route 5, S. Andover, Rev. Duane Waite, 392-1121.

Gorham, N.H.

Assembly of God—Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible study 7 p.m. (603-466-2851).

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union—Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

East Stoneham Congregational—Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

Newry

Newry Community Church—Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hansom, pastor. (Services in the church will resume in April)

Albany

Congregational Church—Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School; Bible study Tues. 7 p.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study Thursday evenings at Pastor Gammon's home in Woodstock.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)—Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church—Route 117N, S. Paris, Pastor Tom Teichmann. Sunday Morning Service 9 a.m. with coffee fellowship immediately after.

North Paris Baptist—Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

North Paris Federated Church—Sunday service 10:30 a.m. (First Sunday of each month, Singspiration alternating between NPFC and West Paris Baptist).

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers)—Sunday worship 9:30 a.m., Children's program, 9:40 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris. Call 583-2780 for more information.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church—Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

West Paris

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris—UU Rev. Joy Gasta, 9 a.m. worship (Sept.-mid-June), 674-2365.

West Paris Baptist—Sunday Worship 9 a.m., Adult Education and Sunday School 10:15 a.m., Sunday evening worship with Bible reading 6:45 p.m.; Wednesday evening prayer meeting and Bible study, 7 p.m. (First Sunday of each month, Singspiration alternating between North Paris Federated and West Paris Baptist).

West Paris Congregational Church—Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

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East Sumner Congregational—Sunday service, 9 a.m.

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Notes from

SAD44 Adult Ed

Spring Adult Education classes will begin the week of April 23, with the course brochure expected

to be mailed the first week of April to all postal patrons in SAD44 and surrounding towns.

Summer course guides, plus an advanced listing of fall University of Maine system classes available at Telstar High School, may be obtained in the Adult Education office. The first summer term begins the week of May 14. Sherry Gaudin of the University of Maine's Rumford/Mexico Center will be making appointments to meet with individuals interested in registration for summer or fall courses. She may be reached at (800) 696-1103.

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All are invited to our upcoming monthly Community Networking Breakfast, scheduled for Wednesday, April 11 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. We have invited a representative from the Maine Oil Dealers Assoc. to speak on the recent winter heating season, to discuss the dynamics that we are dealing with here in Maine that influence the price we pay for energy sources; and offering suggestions to look ahead. The location for the breakfast will be announced in next week's Bethel Citizen, or give us a call at the Chamber office, 824-2282. We appreciate an RSVP by the day before, which is Tuesday, April 10.



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Obituaries

MERTON W. PERKINS

Merton W. Perkins, 82, of Elm Street, Andover, died Tuesday, March 20, 2001, on Route 2 in Rumford as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born in Rumford on July 3, 1918, the son of Vard and Etta (Glover) Perkins, he had lived in the area all his life.

Mr. Perkins attended Andover schools and was a private in the U.S. Army during World War II with Company C Infantry.

He was a truck driver for Fanning's Lumber Mill in East Andover for many years, until his retirement.

Mr. Perkins was a member of the Greater Rumford Senior Citizens and the Neighborly Senior Citizens Club and the Andover Congregational Church. For many years he served as treasurer and board member of Western Maine Transportation, was a member of Napoleon Ouellette Post 24, American Legion and a life member of the Al and Ted Gauthier Chapter 21 D.A.V. He was formerly active with local chapters of the American Red Cross, was a past board member of Western Area Agency on Aging and was a member of Chapter 7 of the 1918 Club.

He was married in Rumford on May 7, 1941, to the former Eda M. Roberts.

Survivors include his wife of Andover; two granddaughters and their husbands, Sheryl Hoisington and Michael of Epson, N.H., and Linda Simmons-Farwell and Scott of Windsor; and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased

by a daughter, Avis Simmons, on Jan. 15, 1987.

Funeral services were held at the Andover Congregational Church on Saturday, March 24, with the Rev. Jane Rich officiating. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery, Andover, in the spring. Those who desire, please contribute to the Andover Congregational Church, Andover, ME 04216.

CECIL G. ABBOTT

Cecil G. Abbott, 87, of Andover, died Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at the Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, as a result of an automobile accident in Rumford on Tuesday, March 20. He was a resident of Andover, where he had lived on North Main Street for many years.

Born in Rumford on April 28, 1913, the son of Albert and Rena (Hoyt) Abbott, and graduated from Stephens High School, Rumford, in the Class of 1932. Mr. Abbott served with the U.S. Army as a private during World War II with Company B, 404th Engineer Combat Battalion from June 4, 1942 to July 29, 1945, including overseas in the European African Middle Eastern Theater.

Mr. Abbott was self-employed and owned and operated Abbott's Logging Company for many years until retirement when he sold the business to Richard Pelletier.

He was a 50-year member of the Oxford Bear Lodge 54 K. of P. in Hanover and a member of the Napoleon Ouellette Post 24, American

Legion. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing and gardening and going to the local suppers and meeting the coffee club at Addie's and Mills' Store in the mornings.

He was married in Bethel on Oct. 6, 1945, to the late Marion Waterhouse, who died in Andover on Feb. 23, 1997.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Bilodeau and her husband George of Buckfield; a son, Albert of Buckfield; five grandchildren; a sister, Alberta Angevine and her husband Ernest of Northwest Bethel. He was predeceased by a daughter, Phyllis Jean Davison; and a sister, Elizabeth Blake.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 25, at the Meader & Son Funeral Home, Rumford, with Mr. Steve Waite officiating. Interment will be at the East Ellis Cemetery, Rumford, in the spring. Those who desire may contribute to the Andover Educational Fund, P.O. Box 32, Andover, ME 04216, in his memory.

MARJORIE F. MENZIES

Marjorie (Berry) Freeman Menzies, 82, widow of Charles Freeman, and Norman Menzies, died Thursday morning, March 22, 2001 at the Goddard House, Jamaica Plain, Mass., where she had resided for the past several years.

Mrs. Menzies was born in Bethel on April 24, 1918, a daughter of the late Ralph and Helen (Eldridge) Berry. She attended Bethel schools and graduated from Gould Academy. In her later years, after her

family was raised, she received her diploma in Licensed Practical Nursing, a profession she pursued in Framingham, Mass., until her retirement.

A resident of Wellesley, Mass., for several years, and a former resident of Billerica, Mass., over a quarter of a century, she was also a former resident of Bethel, where she is remembered as a hairdresser and telephone operator.

Survivors include three daughters, Judith Costa of Waban, Mass., Lorenda Dunleavy of Beverly, Mass., and Cynthia Freeman of Santa Rosa, Calif.; two sons, Mark Freeman of Panama City, Fla., and Gerald Freeman of Sharpsburg, Ga.; two sisters, Verna Dyke of Bethel and Claire Cantrell of Cummings, Ga.; a brother, Francis "Hi" Berry of Newry; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life memorial service was held at the Greenleaf Funeral Home, Vernon Street, Bethel, Sunday afternoon, March 25, Interment will be at the Riverside Cemetery, Bethel, on June 9. Friends who wish may make memorial donations to: Bethel Methodist Church, Bethel, ME 04217.

DORIS KATHLEEN LOWELL

Doris Kathleen Lowell, 76, of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Bethel, died on March 26, 2001 at Ocala Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Lowell was born in Shelburne, N.H. She and her husband, Edward C. Lowell, lived in Bethel

for several years, after which they moved to Exeter, N.H., and in 1991 relocated to Ocala.

Survivors include her husband of Ocala; a son, Scott Edward Lowell of Kensington, N.H.; a daughter, Linda Mann of Ocala; one sister, Irene Hinkley of Safo; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Arlene D. Lowell of Bethel.

Births

Eileen and Christopher Flynn of Lewiston are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Lucy Dawn, on March 14, 2001, at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, weighing 10 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Don and Elsie Aylward of Mason Township. Great-grandparents are Rupert and Ira Grover of Mason Township.

Paternal grandparent is Christopher Flynn of Plainville, Conn. Great-grandmothers are Dora Flynn of Windsor Locks, Conn., and Julie Wojchesin of Hartford, Conn.

Lucy joins sister Madison, age 3.

Todd Davis and Nikki Quimby are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Ryan Davis, born on March 20, 2001 at Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Walter and Mary Quimby of Crestview, Fla., and great-grandmother is Mary Quimby of Auburn.

Paternal grandparents are Craig and Margo Davis of Auburn. Great-grandparents are Bob and Polly Davis of Bethel and Margaret (Peggy) Thornton of Rumford. Emma joins brother Connor, age 3.

Joseph and Tammy Radcliff of Bryant Pond are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Kaylee Jane, born on March 23, 2001 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Edgar and Joyce Radcliff of Mexico.

Paternal grandparents are Dan and Judith Billings of Bryant Pond. Kaylee joins sister Candice, 19, and brother Joshua, 11.

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